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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair west, rain or snow east portion.
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ONE WEEK MORE.

At the end of one week from this publication of the Astorian, the people of this city will have decided, for two years to come, the personnel of their municipal staff, and with it, the nature of the administrative service they are to have for that time.

The 'Citizens' administration, after long years of unchecked power, has yielded nothing to the city save such ordinary improvements as the normal progress of the place demanded, topped by a local debt that would frighten any community in the world.

This is no time to depend upon nor cater to mere personality, this week of thought and preparation; it is a season for passing upon the scheme of government that is to ensue here; the helpful, sensible, practical, business-like salvation of the town from further exploitation and financial peril.

MUNICIPAL STERILIZATION.

There is an able professional woman in Clatsop county, honored and respected in all circles, who has advanced the intensely practical idea of sterilization of the incapables and perverts of humanity for the good of the race.

excellent woman physician, and politically sterilize this community and its government. Go straight to the root of our administrative blunders and burdens, and oust the last man responsible for them; make a clean sweep of the incapables, (and of the perverts, if any there be) and send up a set of men known to be actuated by the straight and simple ideals of business and fair-dealing.

To sterilize, means to render anything that it bad, or hurtful or dangerous, entirely barren of power or faculty for further evil, hurt or hazard and the term and its significance are peculiarly applicable to the civic mess in which this city finds itself through the instrumentality of the 'Citizens' party and its hopelessly incompetent representatives.

It wont hurt them much, and it will save the community an infinitude of anxiety and loss and trouble. The process is very simple; anybody can perform the duty; it is done by simply casting an affirmative ballot for Samuel Elmore and the Republican candidates on Wednesday next! Try it out!

When you pick up your ballot next Wednesday and read this, among the proposed charter amendments, "To Provide for a Sanitary and Reclamation Commission," dont be deceived by the ambiguity so baldly employed to disguise the real meaning of the provision; that stands for the Smith-Seawall, and you want to vote "NO" as emphatically as the Lord will let you!

It cost the taxpayers of Astoria \$383 for the Smith-Seawall bill; and the \$100 paid for the drafting of the Port of Astoria bill, (an equally important public provision) was paid for privately through the Chamber of Commerce, by the public-spirited group behind all honest initiatives. This demonstrates the difference between exploitation and business!

The city hall does not operate as an asset against the sum of extravagance the 'Citizens' administration is responsible for. That was paid for by cash achieved from the sale of other municipal property and a straight away levy for the purpose. Anybody can get things for cash! And if the 'Citizens' had been as careful to pay for everything they got, and stood for, as they were in the matter of the city hall, they would not be as unpopular as they are now!

40 FEET OF SALT WATER.
What the State of Oregon needs just now and more than anything on her calendar of essentials, is 40 feet of good salt water on the Columbia bar. With that attained, and main-

tained, the opening up of the waterways of the Columbia basin will quickly follow.

With the vessel in the river, the way to the inland port will be found readily enough, however far up the stream it may be. And no man cares where the ship shall go, so long as it comes, primarily, to the Columbia. This is the thing that we Columbians and Oregonians must go after.

Once the anchors are dropped on the hither side of Cape Disappointment and Point Adams the unerring and inviolable laws of commerce will dictate the point of cargoing and supply the means to reach it.

Eight feet more on the Columbia bar and the trick is turned.

Governor Sheldon, who was re-elected in Nebraska, has announced a special session of the legislature to be called soon and has asked the members by wire to support a bill of state wide prohibition, which may be suspended in any county by three-fifths vote, if a majority in both houses pledge themselves. At the late state election the liquor interests combined to beat Sheldon for re-election. Ex.

Oklahoma's corporation commission has taken a crack at express rates and promulgated an order reducing them by 35 per cent in some instances and from that point down. Other states might follow this example to the great and just advantage of their merchants and others who are well nigh forced to use express service in the shipment of a variety of things.—Topeka State Journal.

Kansas is all right. Not alright, but all right. There are no poor in Kansas. There are only about nine unfortunate in the Montgomery county poor house and they are more properly hospital subjects. Down in Chautauqu county they are to vote soon on the question of selling the poor farm. So much for a state that does not pauperize its citizens through the sale of bad whiskey.—Independence Register.

Irving Avenue will be the Waterloo of the 'Citizens' party yet, if it dont quit sliding! As it is, it is the rankest example ever furnished of that party's incorrigible incompetency in civic management!

With promises as frail as the proverbial pie-crust, the 'Citizens' administration has captured, appropriated, and disposed of, the municipal pie of Astoria, and the pie is still unpaid for!

The good Lord gave Astoria everything conceivable in the way of a perfect harbor; and we shall be making mighty poor use of it if we fail to protect and maintain it as an organic port under the law!

The Smith-Seawall bill is in a somnolent attitude, and it will never awaken until the City of Astoria has redeemed herself from the mass and mess of debt which alone stands in the way of a seawall here!

REPUBLICAN TICKET

- Mayor—12 X SAMUEL ELMORE
Auditor and Police Judge—14 X OLOF ANDERSON
Treasurer—15 X THOMAS DEALY
City Attorney—16 X CHAS. H. ABERCROMBIE
Superintendent of Streets—17 X J. F. KEARNEY
Surveyor—19 X A. S. TEE
Police Commissioner—21 X R. CARRUTHERS
Water Commissioner at Large—23 X J. E. FERGUSON
Councilman at Large—26 X H. F. PRAEL

FIRST WARD.

- Water Commissioner 1st Ward—30 X ASMUS BRIX
31 X FRANS KANKKONEN
Councilman First Ward—27 X CHARLES WILSON
28 X F. J. CARNEY

SECOND WARD.

- Water Commissioner 2nd Ward—31 X F. A. FISHER
33 X H. G. VAN DUSEN
Councilman 2nd Ward—28 X CHRIS SCHMIDT
29 X C. J. CURTIS

THIRD WARD.

- Water Commissioner 3rd Ward—30 X GUST HOLMES
32 X JAMES W. WELCH
Councilman 3rd Ward—27 X C. A. LEINENWEBER
29 X J. J. ROBINSON

FOURTH WARD.

- Water Commissioner 4th Ward—31 X MAXWELL YOUNG
Councilman 4th Ward—27 X L. O. BELLAND
29 X P. L. STANGLUND

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